

The Trans-Siberian Railroad

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Introduction – “Russia by Rail: Setting off from Moscow”

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1. What is the total distance from Moscow to Vladivostok? KM- Miles-
2. Describe the significance of the Trans-Siberian Railroad?
3. What does the geology professor Sergei Tarkhov’s advice tell you about the culture of this railroad?
4. How would you describe the overall mood of the people interviewed on the platform as the train is about to leave Moscow?

Part 1 – “Russia, A Nation Shaped by Tragedy and Hardship”

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1. How many time zones does the Trans-Siberian Railroad cross?
2. Describe two examples of pain and hardship that Russians have had to endure.
3. How is this pain and suffering viewed by the Russian people?
4. What was the irony of the Moscow airport bombing (versus how it might have been handled at a U.S. airport) that occurred there last year?
5. What is a concern of Ella Stroganova (museum curator) with the younger generation in regards to her country's progress?